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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK-BULGARIAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. SUMMARY. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING VISIT TO BULGARIA BY CCP FIRST SECRETARY HUSAK CONTAINED THREE SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS; BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. SECTION I OUTLINES COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION OF PLANS IN SOMEWHAT MORE DETAIL THAN USUAL FOR SUCH DOCUMENT. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECTION IS FAMILIAR CATALOGUE EXCEPT FOR CRITICISM OF US TRADE LEGISLATION. FINAL SECTION DEVOTED TO PRAISE OF USSR, CONDEMNATION OF CHINA, AND SUPPORT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EUROPEAN AND WORLD CONFERENCES OF COMMUNIST PARTIES.

END SUMMARY.

2. BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IT WAS AGREED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION WOULD FOLLOW THESE MAIN DIRECTIONS:

- CONTINUING COORDINATION OF 1976-80 FIVE-YEAR PLANS, WITH FINAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PREPARED FOR SIGNING BY END OF FIRST HALF OF 1975;
- DEVELOPMENT AND INTENSIFICATION OF COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION IN FIELDS OF MACHINE BUILDING, ELECTRONICS, ELECTRO-TECHNOLOGY, AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY IN AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING, COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT FOR ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS, AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, METAL WORKING MACHINERY, MACHINES FOR FOOD AND TOBACCO INDUSTRY AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTION;
- DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL TRADE;
- USE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES;
- SIGNING OF HIGHWAY TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BY END OF MID-1975;
- FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE;
- EXPANDED BILATERAL TOURISM.

3. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THE TWO DELEGATIONS NOTED CONTINUALLY INCREASING POWER, UNITY, AND AUTHORITY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND CREDITED TO THIS THE TENDENCY TOWARD RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. ACTIVITY OF USSR AND PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION OF BREZHNEV WERE PRAISED AS WERE LATTER'S SUMMIT MEETINGS WITH FORD, GISCARD D'ESTAING, AND SCHMIDT. ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE US FAVORABLY NOTED. WARSAW PACT AND CEMA WERE, OF COURSE, EXTOLLED.

A. COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR CONCLUSION OF SECOND STAGE OF CSCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CONVENING OF FINAL STAGE AT SUMMIT LEVEL. IT FURTHER EMPHASIZED "NECESSITY" OF HALTING ARMS RACE AND EXPRESSED CONVICTION POSSIBLE FOR MBFR TO RESULT IN "CONCRETE AGREEMENT". IT SUPPORTED SOVIET CALLS FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS, AND CONVENTION FORBIDDING CONTROL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVER CLIMATE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

B. US TRADE LEGISLATION WAS CITED AS NOT "RESPONSIVE TO INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION" AND OPPOSED TO TENDENCY TOWARD CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION AS WELL AS TRADE, "WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS", WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS.

C. OBLIGATORY REFERENCE TO BULGARIAN CONTRIBUTION TO

GOOD-NEIGHBOR RELATIONS IN BALKANS WAS BALANCED BY PRAISE FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S CONTRIBUTION IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

D. REMAINDER OF SECTION WAS FAMILIAR CATALOGUE OF POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS:

- SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM ON BASIS OF SOVIET PROPOSAL AND WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF UN;

- WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1967 WAR, GUARANTEE OF LEGAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, AND RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES;

- WELCOMING OF CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT IN GREECE AND PORTUGAL;

- SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES OF ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND NEO-COLONIALISM, FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. (SPECIFICALLY CITED WERE CHILE AND SOUTH VIETNAM AS WELL AS REMAINDER OF INDO-CHINA WHERE COALITION GOVERNMENT IN LAOS AND SUCCESSES OF "PATRIOTIC FORCES" IN CAMBODIA WERE WELCOMED. EFFORTS OF NORTH KOREA TOWARD "PEACEFUL, DEMOCRATIC UNION" OF TWO KOREAS ALSO RECEIVED SUPPORT.)

- CONTINUED SUPPORT OF UN FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN WORLD.

4. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. HIGH-FLOWN PRAISE FOR SOVIET UNION CONTRASTED WITH SHARP CONDEMNATION OF MAOIST LEADERSHIP. LATER IS ACCUSED OF AIDING "INTERNATIONAL REACTION", WEAKENING THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC FRONT, AND INJURING INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS MOVEMENT AS WELL AS THOSE OF CHINESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES. BOTH COUNTRIES EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF "COLLECTIVE" EFFORTS BY COMMUNIST AND WORKER PARTIES "ON REGIONAL AS WELL AS WORLD SCALE". PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNIST PARTIES WERE PRAISED AND CCP AND BCP "WHOLEHEARTEDLY" (EDNODUSHNI) AGREED THAT "CONDITIONS ARE RIPENING" FOR PREPARATION FOR NEW, WORLD CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES.

5. COMMENT: LENGTH OF SECTION AND RELATIVE DETAIL FOR JOINT COMMUNIQUE PARTICIPATED IN BY BULGARIANS INDICATES THAT ECONOMIC MATTERS, PARTICULARLY COORDINATION OF FIVE-YEAR PLANS WAS MAJOR SUBJECT OF TALKS. COMMUNIQUE WOULD NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CAUSED MAJOR DIFFICULTIES FOR EITHER PARTY BUT DOES REPRESENT MINOR COMPROMISES BETWEEN THE LINES TAKEN BY ZHIVKOV AND HUSAK ON CLOSING DAY OF VISIT (REFTEL B). PARTICULARLY THE PHRASING OF REFERENCE TO WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE APPEARS TO REFLECT CZECHOSLOVAK MUTING OF LONG-STANDING BLUNT BULGARIAN

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